

come under the control of the General Assembly. The complaint to the Assembly should have stopped the movement to change the charter. It did not. In fact, the change had been hurried through, so that it would be said, "It's too late now to take a backward step." "But we will make you undo it," declared the speaker.

Mr. Helm Bruce, representing the Synod of Kentucky, did not attempt to justify either the act or the methods of the Synod of Kentucky. He stated that the question is, Will or can this Assembly revise the action of the Synod of Kentucky? We are member of the Presbyterian Church, but we are all citizens of the State of Kentucky. When a corporation is created it must be respected. He contended that the Synod of Kentucky reserved all its legal rights of property and, therefore, the Assembly could not interfere. He argued that the contributions by the Southern Presbyterians to the endowment of the University were comparatively small, and do not constitute a ground for interference, and that in the origin of the University, was not under control of the Synod.

The case, briefly and broadly stated, is whether or not this General Assembly will or can revise the action of the Synod of Kentucky, in the matter of the Central University of Kentucky. He reviewed facts of the case. Civil and ecclesiastical law can not be divided in this case. He read the resolution of 1868, by which the Synod of Kentucky was admitted to the General Assembly. In this, all legal rights of property in any union were to be preserved.

When the University was organized, in the seventies, it was to be under the auspices, but not control, of the Alumni Association of the old Center College, and the Synod of Kentucky. This proposed plan was approved by the Synod of Kentucky. There was no qualification as to the trustees being members of the Presbyterian Church, said the speaker. After reading the act of 1873 he said: "Let me say that down to this day there has not been a qualification that trustees should be members of the Presbyterian Church."

At the first, the charter did not mean that the school should be under synodical control, but only under the auspices of the Synod. The trustees and curators were chosen by the Alumni Association. The only right the Synod had was to found a theological school in connection with the University, and to handle theological funds and to choose the professor of ethics. Center College had been under the control of the Synod, but Central University never was.

The alleged diversion of funds was discussed. There is nothing in the record to show what funds were contributed at any time. But he stated of his own knowledge that the original \$150,000 endowment had been obtained on the faith that the school should be a non-synodical university. It was stated at the time that it was not to be an ecclesiastical institution.

When the consolidation of Center College and Central University took place, in 1901, the new Central University funds amounted to \$66,000, the contributions since the foundation of the old University having been spent, and a good part of the original fund for running expenses.

Hence all the sums contributed outside of the original endowment had been spent for current expenses, and more besides.

Col. B. H. Young made the closing speech for the complainants, contending that ecclesiastical law can not be annulled by civil compacts, and that the Synod has uniformly recognized and acted upon the recognition of the Assembly's authority.

The argument was closed and the order of further procedure by the court was adopted, to the effect that the members of the court should have opportunity to express their opinions, and then the vote should be taken. It was ordered that all statements in the complaint which reflected on individuals be stricken out.

The roll was called and the vote was announced as follows: To sustain, 80; Not to sustain, 99; To sustain in part, 3. This action recognizes the separation of the University from Synodical oversight or control.

Fourth Day—Monday Evening Session.

It was ordered that the place of meeting of the next Assembly be decided after reading the minutes tomorrow morning.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committees, the records of the Synods of North Carolina and Arkansas were approved.

The consideration of the Judicial Committee's report was resumed and discussed by Ruling Elder, D. S. Henderson, of South Carolina.

The Calvin Celebration was resumed. Dr. R. A. Webb, of the Kentucky Theological Seminary, delivered an able and pre-eminently logical address on "Calvin's Doctrine of Infant Salvation."

The thanks of the Assembly were extended to Dr. Webb.

The time for the report of the Special Committee on Evangelism was changed to 4 p. m., Wednesday.

The Assembly adjourned with prayer until 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

Fifth Day—Tuesday Morning Session.

The morning session was opened with devotional exercises at 9:30 a. m. The minutes of yesterday were approved. The report of the standing committee on Colored Evangelization, made by the chairman, Rev. Donald McQueen, placed on docket.

In full view of the light before us, your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the existing confusion in the titles of property concerned in this work be cured by making the Executive Committee the trustee and depository of the titles of all property, and that they be authorized to take transfers of all titles to themselves. That the trustees of the Assembly be authorized to transfer, by deed, to the Executive Committee such titles as they may now hold; that the trustees of Stillman Institute be authorized to transfer the property now held by them to the Executive Committee.

2. That the Executive Committee be authorized to make a special call for \$5,000 in behalf of the Ferguson-Williams College, at Abbeville, S. C., which is in a precarious condition financially.

3. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Council of the Reformed Churches of America holding the Presbyterian system, we invite the co-operation of the Dutch Reformed Church in the prosecution of this great missionary work in the South, and that our Executive Committee be

authorized to take such steps in this direction as they may deem necessary, and that the secretary be directed to visit the General Synod of that Church with this object in view.

4. That the Assembly hereby calls on the churches to contribute during the coming year at least twenty-five cents per member for this cause. We urge our Church sessions to present this matter clearly to the people, and that our ministers again be requested to present the needs of this missionary work to their congregations.

5. That our ministers preach to the negroes as opportunities offer, and that efforts be made, where practicable, to organize Sabbath schools among them, or to provide teachers in the Sunday schools of colored churches.

6. We urge this great field of domestic missions upon the attention of our ladies' societies and unions, and recommend that they give its consideration a place upon their programs and, as far as possible, they hear our secretary on the subject.

7. That the Executive Committee emphasize the sustentation feature of their work, as far as their funds may permit; but in response to the request of the Executive Committee for some form of co-operation with the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, we do not at present see our way clear to make any recommendation on the subject.

8. That the following members of the Executive Committee whose terms expire at this time be reappointed for a period of three years, viz.: Rev. Jno. Van Lear, Rev. Henry M. Edmunds, Mr. Chas. A. Stillman, Judge Thos. W. Coleman, and that Rev. U. D. Mooney be appointed in place of Rev. S. J. Foster, D. D., who has resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD McQUEEN.

The report of the committee on Publication was read by the chairman, Dr. J. M. Rose.

After addresses by Secretary Magill and Dr. Phillips, of the Sunday school work, it was adopted.

(Abstract.)

Your committee endorses the recommendation of the Executive Committee to discontinue the publication of the "Church Year Book," for the reason that the Church does not appreciate the value of the book, and its free distribution is too great a tax upon the resources of the committee.

Your committee recommends the re-election of the members of the Executive Committee whose term of service expires at this meeting of the Assembly, Rev. T. C. Johnson, D. D., Rev. S. K. Winn, D. D., Rev. F. T. McFadden, D. D., and Mr. George Bryan, and the election of Rev. T. H. Rice, D. D., to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., resigned. Your committee recommends that the Assembly endorse the recommendations of the Executive Committee that our churches, Sabbath schools, societies and individuals be asked to give as a minimum offering to this cause this year the sum of \$33,000, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to suggest to the Presbyteries the pro rata each should raise. This estimate is based upon the past experience of the committee's knowledge of the need of this sum for an enlarged work.

To your committee has also been referred the question of the publication of the Calvin Memorial Addresses.

We recommend the following action:

That the Assembly most earnestly request the distinguished authors of these splendid addresses at their earliest convenience to furnish our Committee of Publication with a copy of their addresses, and that the Committee of Publication be directed to publish them in one volume in the order in which they appear in the original program, when a sufficient number of advance subscriptions has been obtained to pay the actual cost of publication.

The records of the Executive Committee have been carefully examined and found neatly and correctly kept and their approval is recommended.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The Assembly would recommend the Committee of Publication to use their best efforts in securing active and aggressive co-operation on the part of churches, Presbyteries and Synods for the most thorough organization possible; to reach those who are out of the Sabbath school, until all, old and young alike, in every church, as well as in the destitute sections, shall enjoy the privileges of systematic Bible study.

We would urge the organization of a teachers' training class in every church and, wherever possible and practicable, to use our own book, the Westminster Course, as we believe it to be the best published, that our